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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM THE SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST AS  
"NATIONAL ASSISTANCE DOG WEEK".

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has 227,000 citizens with  
2 disabilities; and

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4           WHEREAS, those citizens, who need a service dog, wait  
5 approximately 3 - 5 years for a service dog; and

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7           WHEREAS, assistance dogs, which includes service dogs,  
8 guide dogs, hearing alert dogs and alert/seizure response dogs,  
9 transform the lives of their human partners with physical and  
10 mental disabilities; and

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12           WHEREAS, assistance dogs serve as devoted companions,  
13 helpers, aides, best friends and close family members; and

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15           WHEREAS, recognizing these dogs, who benefit Hawaii's  
16 citizens with disabilities, will aid in raising awareness and  
17 educate the public about how these specially trained animals are  
18 aiding so many people in Hawaii and could benefit so many more  
19 of Hawaii's citizens; now, therefore,

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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
23 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested  
24 to express the State's support for the contributions of service  
25 dogs to Hawaii's citizens with disabilities by proclaiming the  
26 second week of August of every year, beginning on the second  
27 week of August 2011 as "Hawaii State Assistance Dogs Week" in  
28 the State of Hawaii; and

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30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii and the  
32 Hawaii Humane Society.



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